### Oral Questions

## **NUCLEAR ENERGY**

# EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FUEL BUNDLES TO ARGENTINA

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, I have several questions for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The first question is with regard to the sale and transport of nuclear fuel bundles to Argentina. The minister has consistently failed to respond adequately to questions posed by many members of the House regarding this potential transport of fuel bundles to Argentina. Madam Speaker, I think that Canadians deserve a commitment from the minister to make sure that Canada in no way aids or abets the development of nuclear arms in Argentina. Will the minister openly, clearly and firmly state his position? Will he make that commitment to Canadians and, if not, why not?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Yes, Madam Speaker.

# REQUEST FOR PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): That is the same kind of answer we have been getting from the minister for many days now. That is an example of Liberal morality. I think Canadians know that there is in no way any guarantee, any kind of reasonable expectation, that the kind of answer the minister gives us will prevent Canada's involvement.

Madam Speaker: Order. I wonder if the hon. member could give an example of a short question.

Mr. Gurbin: Madam Speaker, I will do my best. I have a little extra time now, because the Minister of Energy does not care to make any commitments here. My supplementary question to the Minister of Energy is in regard to the two announcements today, that Mexico has withdrawn, has sent back our tenders, that GPU has backed out of its agreement and its intention to put an underground cable under Lake Erie to export nuclear electricity, and the fact that the "National Energy Program Update" has looked to that sale, the export of nuclear electricity, for the survival of Candu. In the face of those failures, the repeated failures that the minister has had in all areas of energy, will the minister, on behalf of the nuclear industry, bring about an open parliamentary inquiry into the nuclear industry?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I do not know whether my hon. friend would be more satisfied if I were to answer "maybe" this time.

## **IMMIGRATION**

WOMAN'S SUCCESSFUL APPEAL AGAINST DEPORTATION ORDER

Hon. Bud Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Employment and Immigration, and I gave notice yesterday to his parliamentary secretary

because of the seriousness of the question and the concern. A Mrs. Jennifer Popen, a landed immigrant, was found guilty of manslaughter for killing her child, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, and a deportation order was signed. The order was to be effective on her release, but it was appealed at a hearing in camera at the request of the immigrant, and a decision was made setting aside the deportation order. I note now that the time for further appeal has expired and that the government did not appeal this particular decision. Why was no appeal filed, and can we be appraised of the reasons for the decision?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, in relation to that particular question, as the hon. member knows, it was a case that took place several years ago. The decision was made by the appeal board, which is a quasi-independent body. It judged those circumstances and decided on humanitarian grounds that this particular woman should be allowed to stay in the country. On those grounds the department saw no reason to make an appeal. The grounds were such that it really is a matter of judgment by the appeal board.

### **NUCLEAR ENERGY**

FINANCING FOR CANDU EXPORTS—REQUEST THAT FUNDS BE REALLOCATED TO HOUSING

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. He will know, I am sure, that the Mexican government has decided not to proceed with its nuclear power program. Canada, in making a bid, had set aside some \$5.5 billion from general revenue to finance this over a long period of time, about 20 years, at 7.5 per cent. Can I ask the Minister of Finance whether he is prepared to reallocate at least \$1 billion of those funds to housing, in order to create something in the order of 60,000 jobs and to meet at least half of the shortfall that exists with regard to the number of housing units required?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, if I might be allowed to answer, the hon. members information is incorrect. The government did not set aside anything like \$5 billion in respect to the financing of the Candu reactor in Mexico.

Mr. Deans: How much?

#### REQUEST FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF FUNDS

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I go back to the Minister of Finance, since the Minister of State for International Trade has indicated that it was not \$5 billion. Since I am not asking for \$5 billion anyway, and it was certainly in excess of \$1 billion, I therefore ask the Minister of Finance will he redeploy those moneys, set them aside, put